

## EDUCATION AND LITERACY FACTS:

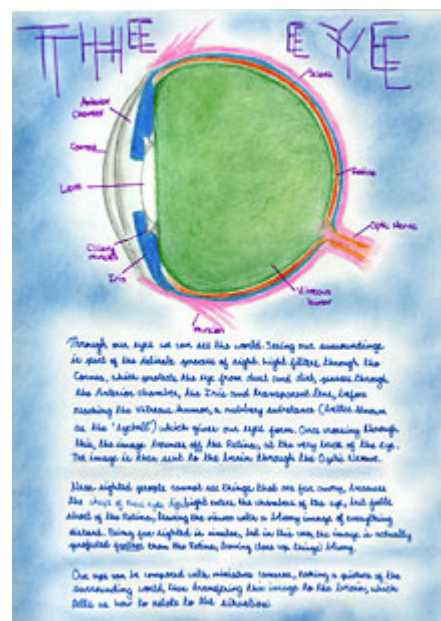
- Twenty-one percent to 23% of adults-or some 40 to 44 million of the 191 million in this country-demonstrate skills in the lowest level of prose, document, and quantitative proficiencies
- Many are unable to total an entry on a deposit slip, locate the time and place of a meeting on a form, or identify a piece of specific information in a brief news article.
- Some 25% to 28%, representing about 50 million adults nationwide, demonstrate skills in the next highest level of proficiency (Level 2) on each of the literacy scales. While their skills were more varied than those of individuals performing in Level 1, their repertoire was still quite limited.
- Only 18% to 21% of the respondents-34 to 40 million adults-performed in the two highest levels of prose, document, and quantitative literacy (Levels 4 and 5). These adults demonstrated proficiencies associated with the most challenging tasks in this assessment, many of which involved long and complex document and test passages.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Seattle Public Schools is the state's largest urban school district with more than 46,000 students.
- Washington State ranks 42<sup>nd</sup> in the nation in per-pupil expenditures for K-12 education.
- By 2020, more than 84% of jobs will require college degrees.



Grade 8 Geography Notes



Grade 8 Anatomy

## **HOW CAN YOUR DONATION HELP?**

Through community outreach, annual fundraising events, and local and regional grants, the Education and Literacy Non-Profit Organizations are able to provide a perpetual funding source for vital programs in our schools, programs that are normally beyond the financial limits of the Public School District.

The work of the Education and Literacy Non-Profit Organizations could not be accomplished without the generosity of individual donors, local businesses, community organizations and outside grantors.

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## **ORGANIZATIONS YOU CAN HELP:**

**Alliance for Education** [www.alliance4ed.org](http://www.alliance4ed.org)

Alliance for Education works to ensure that all students in the Seattle Public Schools have the knowledge, skills, and personal attributes necessary to succeed in learning, living, and working.

**Association of Christian Schools International** [www.acsi.org](http://www.acsi.org)

Empowering Christian schools worldwide to effectively provide Christ-centered, rigorous education--pre-K to college--so students will acquire godly wisdom and be effectively prepared for life.

**Bahia Street** [www.bahiastreet.org](http://www.bahiastreet.org)

Bahia Street breaks cycles of poverty and violence through quality educational opportunities for economically-impooverished girls and young women in Salvador, Brazil. It is run by an international community of volunteers in Brazil, the United States, and United Kingdom.

**Bellevue Schools Foundation** [www.bsfdn.org](http://www.bsfdn.org)

The mission of the Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF) is to promote and help fund the best possible learning opportunities for all students in the Bellevue School District. The funds we raise help improve student learning through district wide academic initiatives, curriculum material and book purchases, training opportunities for teachers, and an array of programs that meet students' special needs.

**Books for Kids** [www.pageahead.org](http://www.pageahead.org)

Put a book in a child's hands. We provide new books to at-risk children and encourage their families to read with them at home.

**Child Aid: Children's Literacy and Hearing Projects** [www.child-aid.org](http://www.child-aid.org)

Helps poor children by providing doctors, teachers, books, scholarships, hearing aids in Mexico and Guatemala. No fancy offices, no big salaries, just hope for kids.

**Little Red School House** [www.littlered.org](http://www.littlered.org)

Provides specialized education and therapies for children, age birth to five, with or at risk of developmental delays, and family support to promote school readiness.